



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the families and communities of the Commonwealth are of the utmost concern and importance to all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Virginia maintains a system for defendants and offenders to be supervised in their communities while on pretrial supervision or on probation or parole as a direct result of a sentence to probation, or after being released from incarceration to community supervision; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole services officers are charged with the duty of helping to preserve the safety of the citizens of Virginia by maintaining contact with defendants and offenders, supervising their behavior, ensuring their strict adherence to mandated conditions including appearance in court and assuring their prompt arrest for non-compliance of probation or pretrial conditions; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole services officers assist the citizens of their localities with efficient and effective contributions to the criminal justice system through the assessment and monitoring of defendants and offenders in becoming law abiding citizens including assisting them with employment, education and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, the hard work of Virginia's pretrial, probation and parole services officers greatly contributes to Virginia maintaining the second lowest recidivism rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, pretrial, probation and parole services officers contribute greatly to the criminal justice system in Virginia by supporting rehabilitative justice and helping defendants and offenders become productive citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize July 21-27, 2013 as **PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth